WHEREAS, It has become recognized that all of the mentally retarded are capable of taking advantage of opportunities for maximum development;and,

WHEREAS, It is an accepted philosophy that the mentally retarded can best benefit from normalizing habilitative services provided in, or near, their home community; and,

WHEREAS, The mentally retarded require an advocate group within their community who will express a genuine interest in them as individuals and who will work with the community to provide for maximum development; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Association for Retarded Children acts as an advocate group through the efforts of its thirty local chapters; and these local chapters sponsor youth auxiliaries, in name: Youth Association For Retarded Children; and,

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Youth ARC is to support the efforts of the ARC, provide recreational opportunities for the mentally retarded, and to help focus the attention of the community upon the needs of the mentally retarded: and,

WHEREAS, The Youth ARC as part of its efforts in behalf of the mentally retarded sponsor a week, on an annual basis,devoted to public awareness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 10, through September 16, 1972, as

YOUTH ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN PUBLIC AWARENESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 5th day of September, in the Year Of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two..

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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